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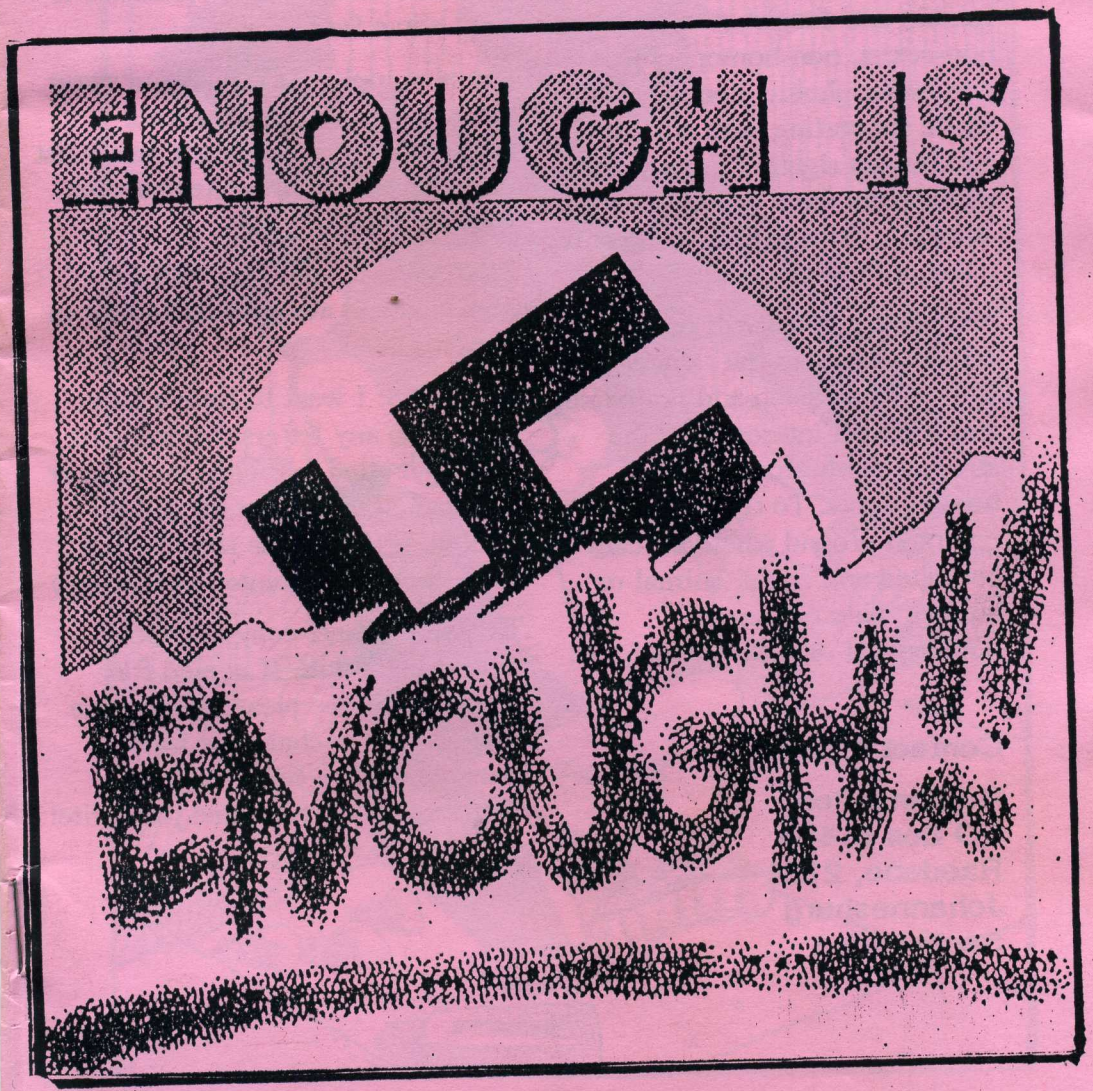

Welcome to issue #1 of NO SENSATION (Feb 1994). The zine will be run on a quarterly basis. The anti-fascist theme is relevant because of the changes taking place in our country at the moment and with the upcoming elections in April there will be a lot of resistance from white right-wing parties.

NO SENSATION will try to remain anti-fascist, non-racist, non-sexist, non-homophobic, non-heterophobic, non-speciest, while supporting both animal and human rights. I am a vegan and abstain from drinking, smoking, drugs and wearing and using animal products.

NO SENSATION will try to promote unity in the struggle against oppression and prejudice and unite all interested in the struggle for both animal and human rights. To try establish a common ground where all can be united and equal, animal or human, male or female, homosexual or heterosexual, etc.

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NO SENSATION

This article serves to describe the name "No Sensation". No Sensation will try to express an objective view point, with opinions and personal points of view, but with the main aim to try and avoid the 'sensationalism' that is encouraged and provoked by all media situations.

Sensationalism is active in all forms of life today, not only media, and is one of the sickest and most hideous sides to human-nature. Something that really disgusts me is how sensationalism rubs off on the curiousity of humankind. I travel across a bridge, that crosses a highway, to get home and I can't count how many times there's been a traffic jam on the bridge because of people that leave there cars in the middle of the road and get out to see if they can see an accident that has happened on the highway below. This morbid curiousity is one of the darkest sides of human-nature. This curiousity is promoted by the sensationalism that is to be seen in all forms of media; especially television news journalism. What more can be said about a society where atrocities from war to vivisection are accepted by the majority of the population. Wouldn't CNN's ratings soar if public executions were still legal.

No Sensation not only refers to sensationalism but also to the ignorance of society to the suffering of others, and because of this ignorance they block out all feelings and feel no sensation for the suffering and injustice that is to be seen in every day life. By mindlessly accepting and mindlessly ignoring, a whole society has evolved that is conditioned to block out anything that could trigger emotions or feelings. In the majority of media circles articles are written without feeling (no sensation) for the subject or subject matter, the only sensation that is present is the sensationalism created that is going to sell the product and make money.

So everything in this zine will be something that the person writing (either myself or anybody contributing) the article will feel very strongly about.

In doing so everything will be something from the heart and not just a writing devoid of feeling or emotion.

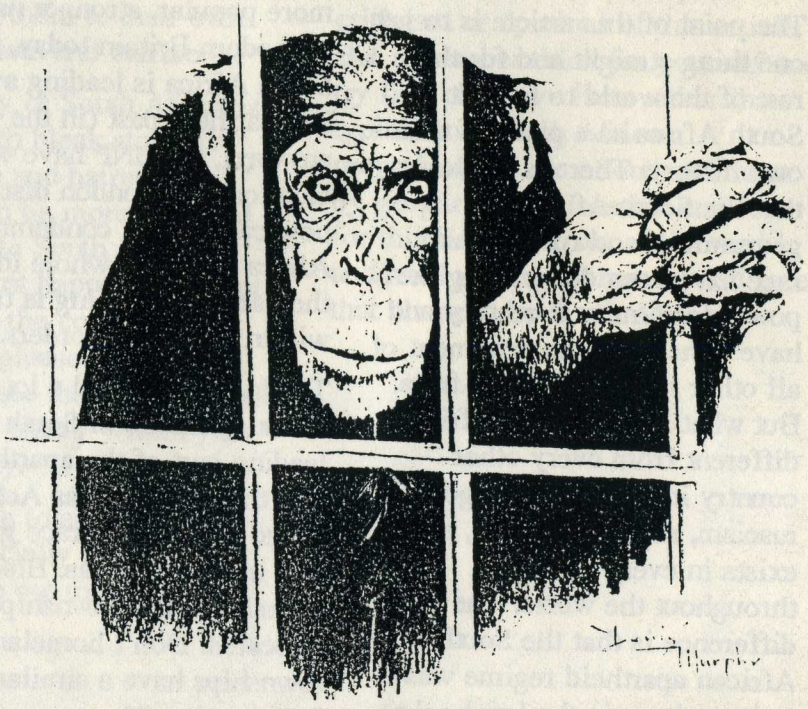
The Monkey

Come on monkey, take a drag;
This is only your 100th fag.
Just keep breathing in and out:
We want to check your coughing bout.

Lie back monkey, smoke and dream,
While we fill your lungs with nicotine.
It's no good squealing your defiance.
This must be done in the name of science.

You are helping human-kind, my friend.
You are just a means to gain an end.
It matters not if you must die.
You are expendable, Not I!

Bill Coulson



Open Your Eyes

This article goes out to all those people who have doubts about No Sensation because it is a zine from South Africa. Before I start I would like to set one thing straight - I am angered at the history of South Africa because of its rascist laws and history. I am an anarchist and have never supported the government in any of their regimes.

The point of this article is to get one thing straight and for the rest of the world to look at South Africa as a piece of their own history. There is no doubt that the South African government and ruling white race have been dominating the power for almost a century and have done so to the detriment of all other races in South Africa. But what makes South Africa different from every other country in the world? Bigotry, rascism, race superiority, etc, exists in every country throughout the world. The only difference is that the South African apartheid regime was written down in the law books.

Let's talk about Britain for example, a major player in placing economic sanctions on South Africa because of the exploitative and rascist apartheid policy. Yet wasn't it the great British Empire that strived to dominate and colonise the whole of the known world and oppress millions of foreign people under its own rule. When the British colonised India wasn't there a large distinction made between the ruling British aristocrats and the native Indian people? Where is the difference? Rascism is rascism, it just seems to be more acceptable by more popular, stronger nations. Even in modern Britain today, while South Africa is leading away from its apartheid past (in the law books anyway), the BNP have won an election in a London district. So how can Britain condemn South Africa when the whole ideology that they are condemning is taking place within their own borders.

The U.S.A also had a lot to say about apartheid in South Africa. A leading part of the apartheid regime was the Group Areas Act which stated that certain race groups had to live in certain areas. Black homelands and townships were allocated. Don't homelands and townships have a similar sound to "reservations"?

Wasn't it the Americans that killed most of the native American Indians and placed them in reservations - which amount to glorified homelands. What about the KKK - need I say more?

Spain and Portugal also had sanctions against South Africa opposing the apartheid regime. But Spain and Portugal were both responsible for religious Multi-national-like romps through South America killing millions of native indians and subjecting them to their own religion, laws and culture.

The history of South Africa is riddled with bleak stories of oppression and hatred and nobody can be more ashamed than a white South African (which I just happen to be just because of the colour of my skin). But please look at this and try to see the side of South Africa that exists within your own country.

I would like to say one more thing especially to anarchists everywhere out there.

An integral part of anarchist ideology is seeing through dictated norms and accepted "stereotypes" that form the pillars of society. So the next time you see a CNN special on violence in South Africa think twice and remember that sensationalism exists in television news even when the dreaded "South Africa" is involved. Even though the footage genuinely did happen the sensationalism is in the reporting of the actual footage - think for yourself!

Please write and send me your criticism or opinions of this article. But remember think for yourself and try find objective facts rather than typical anti-South African propaganda. I am a South Africam by geoghraphical location and love for this beautiful part of the world and not for the government and race that claim to be South African.

IGNORANCE BREEDS ARROGANCE

ARROGANCE CREATES VIOLENCE

AND THAT IS THEIR SOLUTION

ISNT IT FUNNY THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO THINK POLICE BRUTALITY DOESNT EXIST, ARE THE COPS.....

Fascism: Alive and Kicking in the "New South Africa."

Although apartheid has been "officially" removed from the law books in South Africa, there is still a very strong resistance amongst right-wing parties to return to majority white rule. There are dozens of right-wing parties in South Africa, it would be impossible to list all of them so only the most active and well known organisations will be mentioned.

The Afrikaner Weerstands-beweging(AWB)

The Afrikaner Weerstands-beweging (AWB) or Afrikaner Resistance Movement, founded in the mid 1970's is led bt Eugene TerreBlanche. The AWB leader having changed from the traditional afrikaans surname Terblanche to TerreBlanche: Terre meaning 'earth' and blanche meaning 'white' leaving the name meaning white earth. TerreBlanche claims that the AWB are not rascists just "white nationalists", but whichever way you look at it - they think that their race is superior and they don't want to live with people from other races - which amounts to rascism.

Nationalism is another form of rascism, and nationalism is a twin brother of "patriotism." Rascism and nationlism is a poison which prevents us from understanding others and from seeing the world as it is . Patriotic people will consider this to be blasphemy but that is not important. What is important is to discover for ourselves whether or not it is true.

AWB Training Camps

On a farm outside Ventersdorp, in the Western Transvaal in a well camouflaged place called "Feesterrein", AWB commandos undergo military training. Members come here from all over South Africa even Namibia, to undergo training that will help them to establish more commandos in their own areas. Groups of as many as 300 people are trained each time,

receiving intensive training in drill, self-defence and target shooting. Afternoons are put aside for theoretical training: how to establish and train a commando, finance and administration. They bring their own weopons. Women use pistols and shotguns, the men train with high calibre weopons. One thing is clear: these people are preparing for war.

Women use their own pistols for training, they also do military marching drills and do target practice on the rifle range. There is also a program for the youth where they say prayers, sing songs and stand to attention while repeating nationalistic vows (the vow of Blood River). In 1990 more than 12000 people had been trained on that spot and who knows how many have been trained there since then. More commandos have been trained at other training camps in South Africa - it is hard to tell how many actually have been trained throughout the country because there are at least 3 other known training camps in South Africa.

Ystergarde

The Ystergarde (Iron Guard) are the special military wing of the AWB - they are characterised by all black uniforms with AWB insignia and balaclavas. This military wing is the AWB version of the gestapo, the nazi secret police - very little is actually known about them because of their secretive nature. The membership of this AWB "elite" is said to be about 200 members. This strike force has been trained by SADF and British SAS instructors.

The AWB also has a small air wing, a motorised unit and a special women's unit called the "Rooi-valke" or Red Falcons. Apart from having recruited plenty of former soldiers, the AWB has access to large quantities of arms and excellent intelligence through sympathizers in the state, military and police intelligence agencies.

The AWB's connection with Fascist Skinheads

The AWB have strong ties with a group of neo-nazi skinheads. When skinheads were brought to trial for charges of assault the AWB gave their full support to the skinheads. The skinheads' lawyer was a member of the AWB and he supported their cause. Skinheads regularly go on AWB training camps and some skinheads have rank in the AWB military wing.

Eugene TerreBlanche claims that South Africa was given to the Afrikaans nation by God and now that there is going to be a democratic election they fear that the black people are going to take their beloved country away from them. TerreBlanche says that he will refuse to live under an ANC government, "the day that the ANC take power will be war and the AWB will fight until they win", claims TerreBlanche.

The Afrikaner Volksvront

The Afrikaner Volksvront (AVF) is a loose association of right wing groups with one common denominator that binds them together: the ideal of a white homeland (boerestaat). The leader of the AVF is a former chief of the SADF, General Constant Viljoen who brings with him a large following of top SADF officers, men of proven military ability who could play key roles in a possible counter revolution against a new government. The General Mobilisation Council of the AVF aims to unite all right wing groupings, white trade unions, agricultural unions, political parties and paramilitry groups - into a united militant force.
How sucessful it will be remains to be seen, the intention however, is there.

The Boerekommando Pretoria Group

They are said to be the elite of the right wing paramilitary community. They are regarded as potentially the most dangerous group in counter-revolutionary terms. It is a highly secretive organisation boasting an exclusive band of former top brass from the police and army. Members include former SADF chief of military intelligence, ex-police CID chief and several senior ex-security forces staff. On Tuesday the 7th of December, members of the boerekommando besieged an historic fort near the Voortrekker monument. They said that their action was a "symbolic gesture" against the formation of the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) and because the fort was part of the Afrikaner's heritage. They were in possession of a number of R-1 rifles, at least one RPG rocket launcher, a light machine gun and three mortar tubes, sniper rifles

telescopic sites as well as large amounts of ammunition. The right wingers also claimed that they had placed mines on the approach to the builiding. Only a handful of the group were arrested because the majority of them abandoned the fort in the middle of the night.

White Alliance Movement

Better known as WAM the White Alliance Movement has just recently reared it's ugly head in Johannesburg. Members of WAM have regularly been seen handing out membership forms and their right wing propaganda, especially at alternative night clubs where they feel they need to influence people. Briefly WAM's aims are to: " ensure the heritage and culture of the white race", "to resist a black communist system with whatever means possible", to resist the steady decline of our land by heathen savages" and "restore the country to the glory it deserves". Their reasoning is based on the typical white superiority propaganda caliming that whites make intelligent and constructive contributions to society while blacks are "tree-dwellers and cannibals". They claim that they are a struggle of races and that it is the law of nature for the superior race to dominate the weak and inferior.

Although the size of WAM membership is unknown they are well armed and where they lack in originality they make up for in seriousness. It is rumoured that they have close ties to major anti-semitic, homophobic, rascist and sexist organisations overseas such as the KKK, BNP and WAR.

DOG SKINS FOR INSTRUMENTS

A Thailand businessman is earning millions of dollars a year by selling the skins of stray dogs to Japan to be made into musical instruments. He buys the carcasses of stray dogs destroyed by city authorities, tans the skins and exports them to Japan. The skins are used to make sound-boxes for traditional stringed instruments. He describes himself as a dog lover.

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Gay Pride March

For the last 3 years GLOW have been organising an annual Gay Pride March right under our noses. We're embarassed to say that this was the first ever Gay Pride March that we had attended. Rumours about the march had been going around for over 3 months prior to the happening but nobody could varify them. This doesn't say much about GLOW's organisation skills. However, we eventually managed to get hold of the date, time and place of the proposed march.

At 11:00 on the morning of the 9th of October, we gathered along with over 500 other people on the Library lawns in Johannesburg. It was nice to see a fairly even split between whites and blacks as well as wimmin and men. But what made this march really good was the spirit of the marchers. They weren't taking shit from anybody! Unfortunately a small group of about 10 bigoted christians were going to try dish some out. It's interesting to note that although GLOW were forced to organise a permit to march - the christians required no such thing. In fact during the march the christians were protected from verbal and physical by Witwatersrand Peace Committee marshalls. While the the christians shouted at the marchers the peace committee marshalls stopped the marchers efforts to defend themselves. It is perhaps fair to say that the peace committee members spent most of their time harrassing marchers. But they could not ruin the entire day.

The march lasted for over an hour, progressing slowly through town. The Anarchist Revolutionary Movement used this time to hand out approximately 600 flyers and approximately 300 anti-voting posters. The socialists spent their time tying to sell their magazines. It's interesting to note that while the A.N.C had a massive contingent at the march against violence on wimmin, they had absolutely no presence at the Gay Pride March. Could it possibly be because wimmin represent a massive 52.4% of the the electorate while gays are strictly "small fry" in comparison? It just goes to show that the A.N.C haven't got time to fight for human rights. Hell no - they've got votes to win.

Anyway the day moved on until finally we reached our goal. We all settled down on the grass in the Piter Roos Park to listen to some

people speak crap and others speak the truth. Noticeable crap speakers were the socialists and some fucking priest. Noticeable truth speakers were an HIV positive male and some unknown guy who went on about how the government was full of shit.

As anarchists we chose not to speak as we were at the march not to forward our own cause but show solidarity for the gay and lesbian equal rights struggle.

All in all we the march as an imense success. Hopefully there'll be another next year. If there is we'll be there.

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(Below) One of the christian bigots harassing the marchers.

Lifting the covers off the Somalian tragedy

To give food aid to a country just because they are starving is a pretty weak reason. - Henry Kissinger

The tragedy of Somalia is part of the wreckage left by the European colonization of Africa and the aftermath of Cold War imperial rivalry over this strategically positioned country. Sadly though Somalia is only one of four African countries suffering the bane of starvation.

To fully understand the problem one must be aware of Somalia's history. Britain controlled the region until after WW2, after which the U.S. established itself as the global military power it is today. During the Cold War the Horn of Africa, of which Somalia is a part, was a focal point for competing Eastern and Western powers. In 1969 Said Barre, military commander, seized power. His first moves were to suspend the constituion, enforce strict censorship and ban foreign journalists. Finally Said Barre was forced out of offfice in January 1991 by a force of tribal people. Their destruction was however organized by paramilitary refugee groups set up by the ruling class, essentially leaving the country in chaos.

The U.S intervened militarily in Somalia and not any other sites of starvation or internecine ethnic slaughter because it could do so without seeking approval, after all Somalia has no government to speak of. Besides this it's believed that after Desert Storm, Somalia was viewed as highly winnable, unlike Bosnia, which with it's mountainous terrain is all to reminiscent of Vietnam.

Now the question arises, why bother with Somalia?

The now - deposed Said Barre had granted drilling rights comprising two thirds of the country to multinational, mostly American, oil giants - Conoco, Amoco, Chevron and Phillips. These companies are hoping that the intervention will secure them their multi-million dollar

investments. Although hidden from the public view, so close was the connection between the oil corporations and the U.S. that Conoco's Mogadishu office became the de facto American embassy in the days before the U.S. forces arrived in Somalia. Conoco was the only major corporation to maintain an office through two years of strife and was also used by Bush's special envoy as his temporary headquarters.

But there is more .....

Eyeing Somalia as a potential dumping ground for toxic wastes, the U.S. has taken the lead in blocking a proposal that would prohibit all toxic waste exports from 24 indusrial countries to the rest of the world. The U.S. needs to do this in order to lower the cost of dumping for multi-nationals, thereby increasing their profits. The U.S. is increasingly willing to use violence to secure sites in poorer countries. It's interesting to note American Cyanamide, a huge New Jersey corporation, ships thousands of tons of mercury wastes to it's facility in South Africa.

Altough the reasons for the U.S. military in Somalia are multi-faceted, the need for Europe, Russia, Japan and the U.S. to dump wastes of industrial production must be considered an imporatnt factor.

Other factors generally unreported in the corporate media include: The enlargement of the U.S. military bases to patrol Somalia's 1700 miles of coastline that borders the Red Sea shipping lanes, making it a choke point for Europe and Asia, tapping into Somalia's mineral resources, hammering into existance an even cheaper and expendable workforce as well as creating the ability to attack nearby forces that might challenge the interests of the U.S.

In a land where 82% of the people work in agriculture, Somalians have been resisting the foreign attempts to turn their backyards into toxic dumps and to forcibly proletarianize their communities. It was this resistance that prompted the U.S. to arm troops loyal to the now deposed Said Barre. Sadly in spite of thousands of murdered civilians and reports of torture, the U.S., the I.M.F. and the World Bank continued to fund Barre, as they did Saddam Hussein and Noriega. As such, like in previous battles, the U.S. are fighting their own guns.

The manipulation of people and land for capital gain is an old story borrowed from the age of slave traders. You may not like the story but expect to hear it again, for as long as we live in a society based on the suppression of the working class abuse is inevitable.

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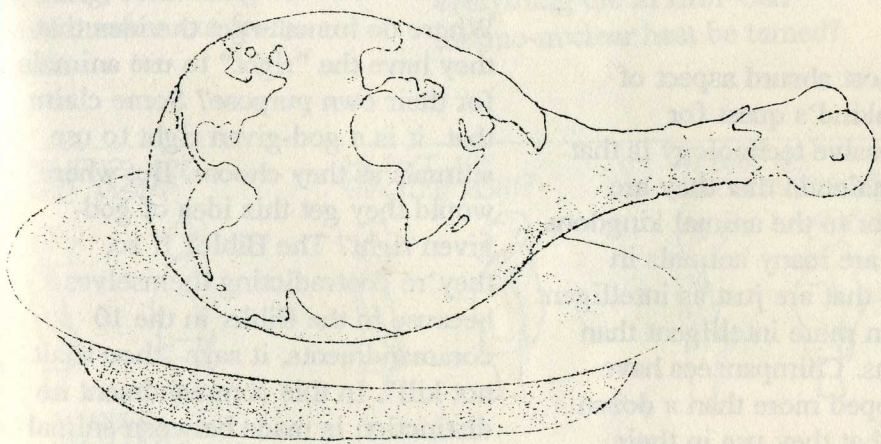
THERE'S A WORLD OF SUFFERING IN EVERY BITE OF MEAT



The misery in meat is food for thought. The preferred meal of affluent societies is a proven killer linked to cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

It kills people in other ways too. The grain which fattens animals for our dinner tables is oft times "appropriated" from the peoples of Third World countries; it enriches dictators while vast populations starve.

Meat production destroys the environment, squanders dwindling water reserves, pollutes our rivers and lakes with toxic animal wastes, and is causing the destruction of rain forests.

Greed for super-profits has relegated animals to the status of machine parts. Veal calves live out their entire lives in dark wooden crates, unable to even turn around. Egg-laying hens are confined to an area smaller than this page. Factory-farmed animals are so stressed that only a constant diet of drugs keeps them alive until slaughter.

Beyond satisfying our addiction, meat has no demonstrable benefits. It creates unending suffering for people, destroys the environment and inflicts horrendous pain on more than six billion animals consumed in this country each year.

Only you can do something about the misery in meat. Cut it out or cut it down. You'll be taking a bite out of misery.

FIREMAN

Who would have thought that a purely accidental discovery made by a simple troglodyte would have led to a global race to see who has the greatest nuclear arsenal. This simple neanderthal's ancestors: the human race, have developed from using a simple spark for warmth - to creating massive explosive devices that can destroy entire civilisations.

The most absurd aspect of humankind's quest for progressive technology is that they maintain that they are superior to the animal kingdom. There are many animals in nature that are just as intelligent or even more intelligent than humans. Chimpanzees have developed more than a dozen tools that they use in their everyday activities, even so, they haven't developed something with the power to kill millions of people and destroy large quantities of the earth's natural resources.

Not only does humankind use technology to endanger the entire existance of the planet but they also think that they have the right to use (and abuse) all other forms of life too. They have the cheek to use animals to feed and clothe themselves, torture and expose animals to brutal and heartless experiments in the name of science and also destroy millions of acres of indigenous rainforest for the purpose of feeding livestock, in a vicious circle which once again ends up on a human's plate.

Where do humans get the idea that they have the "right" to use animals for their own purpose? Some claim that it is a god-given right to use animals as they choose. But where would they get this idea of god-given right? The Bible? If so, they're contradicting themselves because in the Bible, in the 10 commandments, it says "thou shalt not kill". In this commandment no distinction is made between animal or human. Neither is there a distinction made between killing in war, in the name of God, or killing for your own purposes. Killing is murder - animal or human, even in the name of God.

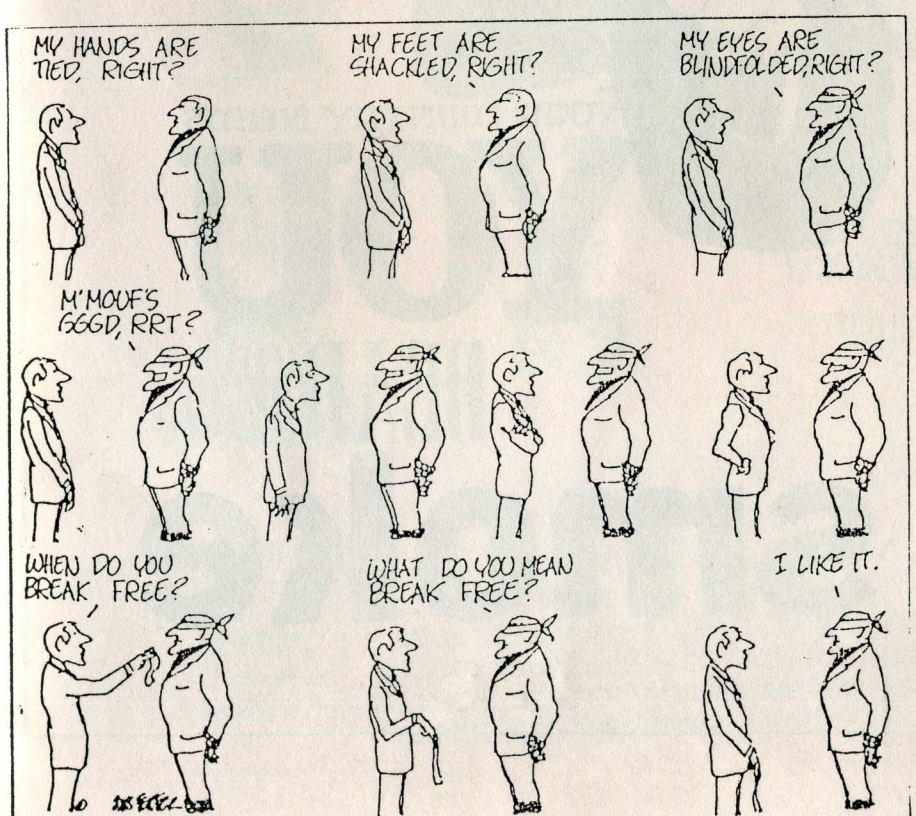
Finally, how far has man progessed since the days of the neanderthal?

The cave-dweller is believed to be the barbarian, it's true that he hunted and killed but purely for survival when there were no other alternatives. Can a modern human being truelly say that he eats meat for survival when it has been proven that eating meat actually causes heart disease and other diseases that have one consequence: death.

Humankind's will to control fire led to the will to control everything, something that has singled humans out from animals.

The one animal that controls fire, controls the fate of the world. Is this right, trusting the real barbarians? Are animals really less intelligent, just because they don't have the same abilities as us? Maybe animals know that some things are not meant to be controlled so they don't abuse them. To animals fire is a danger to be avoided at all costs.

Will the fireman burn our world, will the little red button make everything die in fire? Can thermo-nuclear heat be tamed?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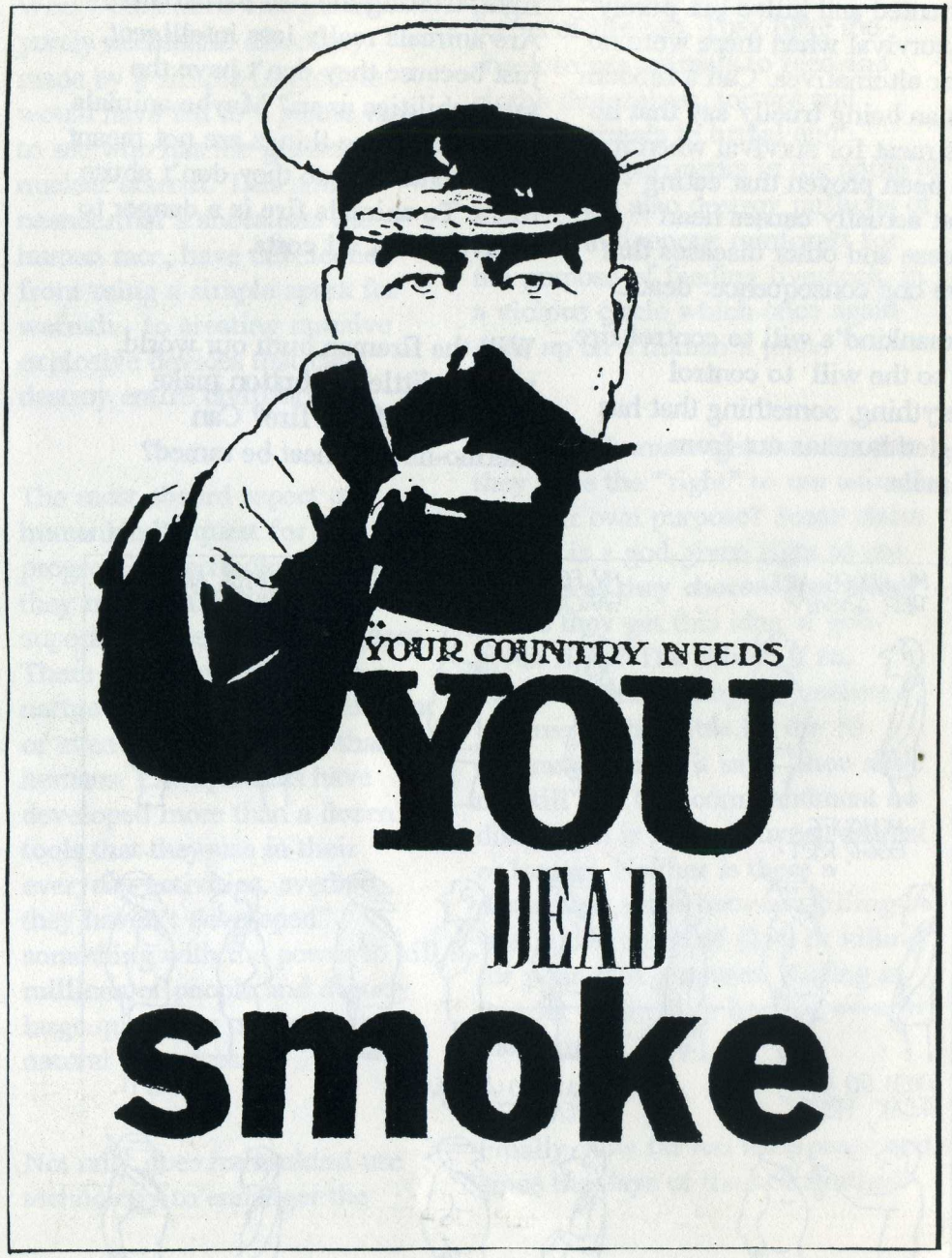

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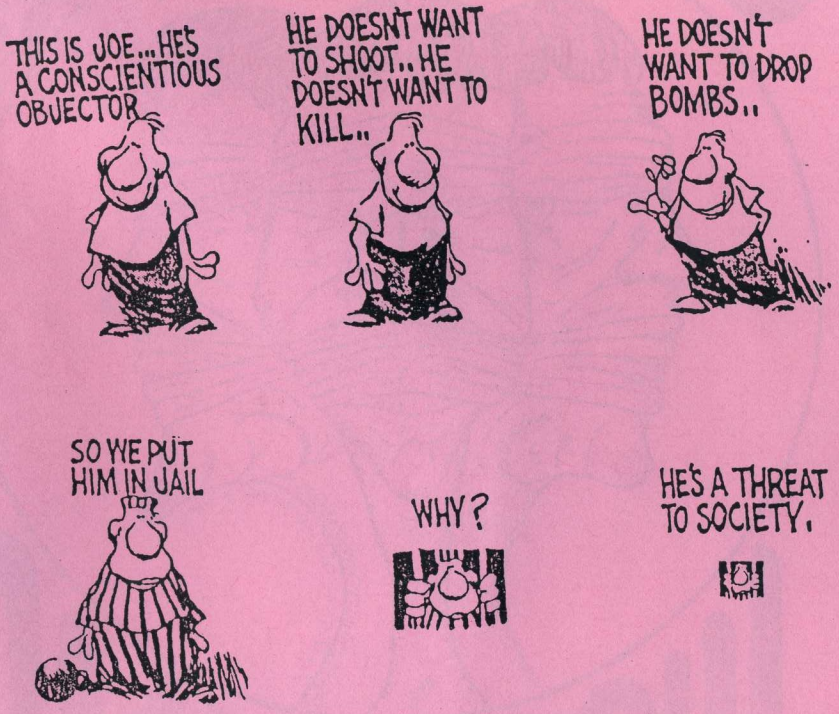
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